

Riverside Campus Gets a Makeover



An architect's rendering shows the main entrance to the new Academic Building now under construction at Riverside Indian School in Oklahoma.

The focal point of Riverside Indian School's campus is moving westward with the construction of two 47,000 square foot dorms and a 44,000 square foot Academic Building. Both will be located on the western part of campus, which had been largely open space.

Meanwhile, dormitory buildings constructed in 1932 and numerous modular structures which now populate the eastern portion of the campus will be demolished. Long-range planning has designated this area for athletic fields.

The new Academic Building will kick-start Riverside instruction into the Information Technology era, said Supt. Tony Dearman, and classrooms will feature advanced IT equipment offering students numerous opportunities to perform school work using electronic equipment.

The new dormitories are designed to house 200 boys and 200 girls.

Riverside serves 535 students, including 516 residential students, in grades 4-12.

An October groundbreaking marked major changes to the Riverside Indian School campus in Oklahoma.



Like many other Riverside dorms, this one was constructed in 1932. It will be demolished.



Moving dirt as part of the October groundbreaking for the Academic Building at Riverside are (from left), BIE Associate Deputy Director, West, Bart Stevens; BIA Contracting Specialist Margie Wahkinney; Oklahoma ELO Catherine Fatherree; Riverside Supt. Tony Dearman, Southern Plains Regional Facility Manager Frank Tartsah and High School Principal Pat Moore,



Riverside Indian School Student Council President Michelle Torres, left, and her classmates gather in advance of the October groundbreaking celebration, where Michelle will give her welcome speech. [Video: Michelle's speech.](#)



School Facility Manager Billy Pewo and his son, Billy Jr. [Video: Billy Jr.'s performance.](#)